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For: COMPUTER METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR ANALYZING AND DISPLAYING  
INFORMATION RELATING TO GENE EXPRESSION



**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method in a computer system for analyzing and displaying data on gene expression in a molecular topography, comprising:

(a) generating a gene expression profile of a plurality of gene-expression indicating polynucleotides including for each of the polynucleotides:

- (i) a first value for a first polynucleotide characteristic,
- (ii) a second value for a second polynucleotide-characteristic different from said first characteristic, and
- (iii) a third value that is a measure of the quantity of the polynucleotide;